



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.

In the Know

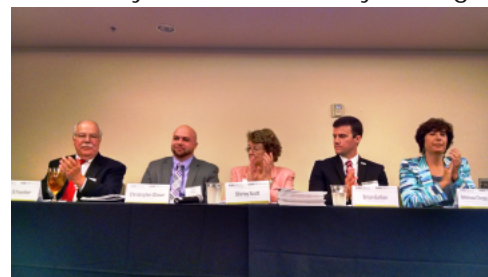
Visit With the IVLP

The Southern Arizona Council for International Visitors recently invited Council Member Scott to attend their Citizen Diplomacy Summit. This was an opportunity for local business and government officials to talk about the fundamentals in working with the International Visitor Leadership Programs or the IVLP.

The IVLP is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Current and emerging foreign leaders in a variety of fields have short-term visits to the United States, enabling them to experience this country firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their United States counterparts. These meetings reflect the interests of those who attend and support the foreign policy goals of the United States.

Council Member Scott was joined by Scottsdale City Council Woman Suzanne Klapp, Mesa City Councilman - Chris Glover, Deputy Director Office of International Visitors - Melissa Klegg-Tripp, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - U.S. Department of State and Arizona Council for International Visitors (AZCIV) Chairman - Diana Bullen.

Council Member Scott stated, "It was a great opportunity to meet all those who participated and interested in our government. It gave me an opportunity to speak on ways the City of Tucson and other organizations like TREO, Visit Tucson, Tucson Metro Chamber, are continuously working with other foreign countries like Mexico, Canada, Europe, and other countries to improve economic development opportunities. It also gave me the ability to highlight some of the great companies we have right here in Ward 4 who are contributing to the foreign market such as: The Offshore Group, Arizona Canning and Port of Tucson who provide the logistics enabling products to be sent out from Tucson to other parts of the Country. This was a great opportunity to show others from around the Globe how great the City of Tucson is and what a great place we are to do business with and to own a business." If you would like more information on the IVLP, you can find that by visiting this website <http://eca.state.gov/ivlp>.



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Local Dollars

Shopping season is among us with so many avenues, online, in-store, and catalog shopping. There might even be a few of us who do that early midnight infomercial kind of shopping. However, don't forget about the most important way to shop, and that is locally.

According to Local First Arizona, a nonprofit advocacy group, the bucks you spend locally is recalculated, creating up to 75% more tax revenue to our community and state.

Here's a better example, for every \$100 spent in a locally owned business, \$42 remains in Arizona. For the same \$100 spent at a non-locally owned business, only \$13 remains in Arizona. That \$42 is a big chaching. So look for that gift at a local businesses. Local first has a site where you can search local business through their directory or by category. It also provides the stats mentioned above. You can find more about them and all local businesses throughout Arizona by visiting localfirstaz.com/localist.

Warm Up



Right now our weather is a little crazy! We can have warm weather through the day, but come night, it's just cold. You may or may not have started that heater for this winter, but in any case here are a few safety tips provided by Tucson Fire Department for you to read through. Now they are called safety tips for a reason...to stay safe. It's amazing how a little piece of lint can cause a fire and destroy your home.

If you have a fireplace:

- * Have the chimney flue cleaned annually by a professional.
- * Remember to open the damper on the fireplace before starting the fire.
- * Keep combustible objects a minimum of three feet away from any fireplace.
- * Equip the fireplace with a metal screen to catch burning embers or shifting logs.

When you run a furnace:

- * Change your furnace filter regularly, usually at least 3-4 times a year.
- * Keep the area around your furnace clean and unobstructed.
- * Regularly vacuum the furnace and the area surrounding the furnace. This prevents lint build-up, which creates a fire hazard.

If you use a space heater:

- * Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep or leave the area.
- * When selecting a space heater, look for one that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- * Heaters must be kept at least 3 feet (36 inches) from all combustible materials.
- * Plug heater directly into a wall receptacle. Never plug it into an extension cord.

Get a Carbon Monoxide Detector:

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. All homes should be equipped with a CO detector to provide a warning if levels are too high.

A Little Extra

Kitchen fires, smoking, and candles are just a few ways a fire can be started. Best way to stop from these simple accidents from happening. Stay in your kitchen when your cooking, smoke outside and put your cigarettes out correctly and put out your lighted candles before leaving a room. If you would like more information on how to keep you and your family safe from a fire, or to help prevent a fire, please visit <http://www.ready.gov/home-fires>. They have great information on how you can stop a tragic accident from happening.



Senior Olympics

Tucson Parks and Recreation presents the 31st Annual Senior Olympic Festival. This festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health, and an active lifestyle among adults 50 years of age and older. Some of the events include: volleyball, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball, pickleball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton, and so much more.

If you need more information or you would like to register online visit www.EZEEreg.com. Entry fee is dependent on event type. Please note that any registration received after Jan. 1, 2015 will be subject to a \$3 per event late fee, so get that registration in early. Registration date ends Jan. 10, 2015.

For Senior Olympic Festival information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org, or contact Mike Davis at Mike.Davis@tucsonaz.gov. You can also call 791-3244 to have a book mailed to you.

Calling All Pet Lovers

It's a scientific fact that our pets not only make us happy but healthier. One of the earliest studies, published in 1980, found that heart attack patients who owned pets lived longer than those who didn't. Another early study found that petting one's own dog could reduce blood pressure.

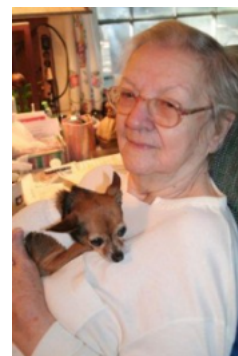


Studies have been focusing on the fact that interacting with animals can increase people's level of the hormone oxytocin (n.pr/11t6hck). Basically the hormone that makes us feel happy and trusting. So we can clearly see how pets overall benefit us, including seniors who may be homebound. Maybe they benefit them more because for some, pets are all that a senior may have.

Those seniors who are homebound may already be participating in the Meals on Wheels program. Well, there is also a Meals on Wheels pet food program. This is the 9th annual holiday pet food drive to benefit the pets of homebound seniors. This year Banfield Charitable Trust (BCT) will be teaming up with Royal Canin and Kong Company. There are a few ways you can help.

1. You can donate bags/cans of dog/cat food at any of the Banfield Pet Hospitals. Those are the hospitals located in PetSmart.
2. You can submit a photo of your pet at facebook.com/royalcanin.us. Royal Canin will then donate 20lbs. of pet food to benefit the Meals on Wheels programs. Such an easy task since any pet owner has about 10 different pictures of their pet on their smartphone.
3. You can make a monetary donation at www.banfieldcharitabletrust.org or at a Banfield Pet Hospital to fund grants for local Meals on Wheels pet food programs. For every donation of \$10 or more, KONG will donate a toy to the pet of a senior in need.

So next time you're in PetSmart, stop by the Banifeld desk and give a donation, or take a few seconds to place that picture of your favorite furry pal. Who wouldn't want to see that cute and adorable mug. The program will run from now until December 31.



Bike Share

Bike share is a public transportation system where subscribers have access to a network of bicycles through automated, self-service kiosks located throughout the community. Meaning, you can "rent" a bike. Because the kiosks will be located throughout the City, The City of Tucson is asking for your input. There is now an online survey and a WikiMap to take your comments. You can suggest a station and you can also "like" or "dislike" an already suggested station.

There has not been a time table set for this program, but all suggestions and comments will be reviewed by staff and used to help determine where bike share is most feasible. A funding and implementation plan is also being developed as part of the current study.

So far, there are over 30 cities in the U.S. operating bike share systems and another 15 cities planning or preparing to operate systems for more information on this proposed project and to access the WikiMap, or survey visit: <http://bikes.tucsonaz.gov/bicycle/tucson-bike-share>.

Cyber Know-how

Recently there were hackers that got into Target and Home Depot systems. It's a good wakeup call that even the biggest companies are vulnerable. This holiday season, a lot of retailers will be offering online only deals that may entice you, but before you go putting in your credit card information, here are few things you can do to keep your personal information safe from those cyber criminals.



- * The devices you use for shopping (smartphones, tablets) should have up-to-date software including security software, operating systems, programs and apps. This helps protect your phone from any new arising bugs, virusus and security issues that may have been found.
- * Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or if appropriate, mark as junk email.
- * Be wary of communications that offer amazing deals that sound too good to be true and want you to act immediately. Never use the link, always go to the website itself. Call if you think there might be a problem.
- * Don't share personal or financial information over an unsecured network (a connection that doesn't require a password for access). Using the direct web access on your phone (via a 3G/4G connection) is safer than an unsecured wireless network when on your mobile device.
- * Find websites that include a closed padlock on your web browser's address bar or a URL address that begins with shttp or https. This indicates that the purchase is encrypted or secured. For new sites, check online reviews.
- * Make sure the information that is being requested when purchasing is only needed to complete the transaction. Check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used.
- * Don't use your debit card, credit cards are generally the safest option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product isn't delivered or isn't what was ordered. Credit cards may have a limit on the monetary amount you will be responsible for paying. Never send cash through the mail or use a money-wiring service.
- * Save records of your online transactions. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there aren't any unauthorized charges. If there is a discrepancy, call your bank and report it immediately.

These are just a few tips that can help keep you safe not only for the holidays but also on a day to day basis. If you would like more information on cyber security, check out <http://bit.ly/1xB8eMN>.

M&C

The next Mayor & Council meeting will take place, December 9. Study Session is scheduled to start at 1pm and Regular Session will begin at 5:30pm. Here is a little of what is on the next agenda.

Study Session:

Item #5 - Review of Primary Jobs Incentive Application for Northwest Medical Center (Ward 4)

Item #7 - Annual Report on Tucson City Golf Operations

Item #9 - Sun Tran Bus Service Changes and Transit Fare Policy

Regular Session:

#7f - Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pima County and the City of Tucson for the Incarceration of City Prisoners, Fiscal Year 2015

#7h - Amending (Chapter 20) Motor Vehicles and Traffic Relating to Speed Limits

These are only a few topics listed on the upcoming agenda. To get the full agenda, please visit 1.usa.gov/1AdJu3a or head down to City Hall (255 W. Alameda) for the meeting. You can also watch the live stream at www.tucson12.tv.

Coming Up...

Houghton Road Corridor Public Meeting

Mon., Dec. 8, 6pm-8:30pm, Pantano Christian Church, 1755 S. Houghton Rd. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to view the design plans of current projects and share comments and suggestions with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Authority. The status of the street lighting along the Houghton Corridor will be reviewed, and art concepts for the Broadway Blvd. to 22nd St. segments will be available for viewing and comment.

4th Avenue Winter Street Fair

Fri. – Sun., Dec. 12 – Dec. 14, 10 am – dusk, 316 N. Fourth Ave. The Fourth Avenue Street Fair brings together 400+ arts and crafts booths, 35+ food vendors, street musicians, food, street performers. There is face painting, balloons, demonstrations, sidewalk entertainment and tons of other fun activities. Check out their webpage for more information <http://bit.ly/1xBa5Rv>.

Santa's Holiday Experience

Sat., Dec 13, 9am-1pm, William Clements Center
Want to spend some time Santa and Mrs. Clause. Well here is your chance! Come and bake with Mrs. Clause, have story time with the elves and take a picture with Santa (please bring your own camera). You will also be able to create an art project snowman and play in reindeer games. There will be lunch (Papa Murphy's) and a classic holiday movie shown. You must register for this event and space is limited. Please call anytime from now to December 8th. Payment (\$5 cash only) MUST be made at time of registration. For more information, please call the William Clements Regional Center at 791-5787.

Birding Field Trips

Sat, Dec. 13, 7am, Atturbury-Lyman Bird and Animal Sanctuary, Lincoln Park
Join this field trip to learn more about our native and wild birds. No experience is required and beginners are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them. If you are interested in seeing these spectacular flying objects, you can register online at www.tucsonaudubon.org/fieldtrips. If you can't make this trip, check out the website for other opportunities.

Winterhaven Festival of Lights

December 13 – December 27, 6:00pm - 10:00pm nightly
This is a free event, but please bring a can of food for donation for the Community Food Bank. Drive through night is scheduled for December 27th.

In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti> for more information on removal or reporting.

